

A Beautiful Celebration of Love and Intimacy

We do not often hear sermons on the Song of Songs. But this book of love poetry in the Bible helps us understand God's perspective on love, intimacy, and sex. As we study the passionate exchange between two lovers, we uncover themes of intense desire, the constant seeking and finding of each other, and the celebration of romantic love and physical intimacy. The Song of Songs helps us see the truth that love and sex are divine gifts from God and part of his design for us.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What do the terms "love" and "intimacy" mean to you?
- Have you ever studied the Song of Songs before? Why or why not?



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READ [Song of Songs 1-2](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In your experience, how have you heard the Song of Songs described, as a book of love poetry or as an allegory for Christ's love for his bride, the church?
- At the end of segment 2, host Scott Hoezee discusses how we typically think about stewardship in relation to gifts and money but says we also need to apply it to our sexuality. What do you think it looks like to practice good stewardship of God's gift of sexuality?
- Host Darrell Delaney made a connection between the lovers' longing for each other in their separation and our continued longing for the way relationships were in the Garden of Eden before they were broken by sin. In your relationships, have you tried to hide who you really are like Adam and Eve tried to cover themselves with fig leaves? Reread Song of Songs 2. Do you agree that it reflects the human longing to belong and be loved for who you are? Why or why not?
- Scott and Darrell reiterate the truth that God has redeemed us *body* and *soul*. The Song of Songs shows the lovers celebrating each other's physical bodies, which is consistent with the way New Testament passages like 1 Corinthians 15:42-49 and 1 Corinthians 6:18-20 regard our bodies. Is the idea that God cares about our physical bodies familiar to you or new? Does it impact how you feel about your own body?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Hebrews 13:4](#), [Genesis 3](#), [Matthew 22:23-32](#), [1 Corinthians 15:42-49](#), [1 Corinthians 6:18-20](#)

CONCLUSION

Throughout the episode, Darrell and Scott show us that the Song of Songs is a celebration of love and relationship, and yes, sexuality. They remind us these things are a gift of God and part of God's design for us. Scott urges us to be good stewards of God's gift of sexuality. They recognize how the Song of Songs reflects the deep longing we all feel, but acknowledge that sin has created a brokenness in our relationships, like the separation the lovers experience. We need redemption and salvation in this part of our lives, too. The Bible shows us that God cares about our physical bodies, and the Song of Songs whispers of that redemption of God's design for intimacy and love that is ours to enjoy.

As you reflect on the main themes of the Song of Songs, what stretched you? What does this celebration of love and intimacy in the Bible mean to you?

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